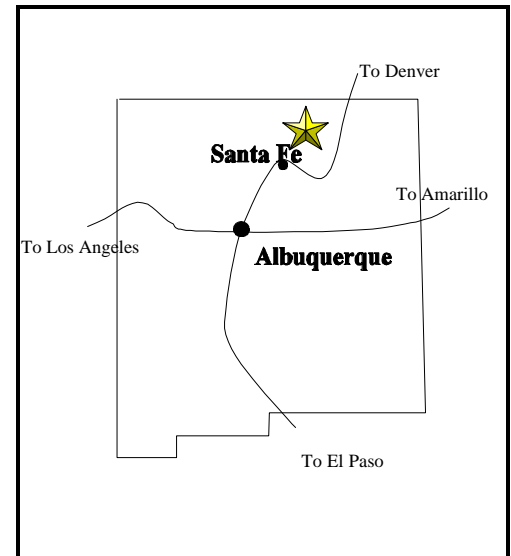


Taos Pueblo Solid Waste Program



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History: A Tiwa speaking community, Taos dates back to the 1400's. The Pueblo was abandoned in 1598 when the inhabitants fled to Kansas to avoid Spanish subjugation. The group was tracked down and forced to return by Spanish soldiers. Taos was actively involved in the Pueblo Revolt of 1680. It was in Taos that Pope lived and prepared for his leading role in the revolt. In 1847 Taos warriors staged another revolt against American forces, killing Governor Charles Bent the process. In retaliation Colonel Sterling Price laid siege to the pueblo, destroyed the mission, and killed 250 Taos warriors. Taos is renowned for the ancient multi-story adobe dwellings built to house many families at peak occupancy.

Solid Waste: Currently, the Tribe is contracting hauling and disposal services. IHS has granted \$160,000 to address the issue. EPA will be working with the Pueblo, POEP, IHS, and BIA to address the closure of open dumps and ensure that an alternative long term solid waste disposal system is in place.